

Senate Judiciary Committee

I am writing you in regards of the compliance legislation for The Adam Walsh Act.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP ALL EMPLOYER INFORMATION OFF THE PUBLIC REGISTRY.

As you are aware, Michigan has the 3rd highest SO Registry in the nation. This is not because Michigan is a breeding ground for sex offenders, it is because our legislation did not do enough to screen out the violent from the non-violent offenders when the laws were made. Because of this many non-violent offenders are and will be on the registry for many years. Many of these people have gone on to get jobs and support themselves and their families. To place their employer on the public registry will probably cost them their jobs and Michigan can not afford to have more unemployed people.

Florida and South Dakota have been found substantially compliant and they do not list employer information publicly.

Please do not allow this to happen.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senate Judiciary Committee:

When a Senator is implementing new laws, they must consider if the law will benefit or hinder society?

Now you are being asked to comply with the Federal Sex Offender Registry. This is your opportunity to right some of the wrongs your predecessors have implemented.

At the time sex offender legislation was introduced, Michigan did not take into consideration those individuals that were: Juveniles, Romeo and Juliet lovers, charged with indecent exposure, or 4<sup>th</sup> degree misdemeanors.

Now, Michigan ranks **4<sup>rd</sup>** highest of sex offenders in the nation with **46,635**. (Twenty-five (25) states have less than **7,000** person on their registry).

Now you are considering placing a person's employer on the national registry. By doing this, it will only hinder those individuals that are supporting themselves and their families. Many employers do not want their names associated with the so registry and will therefore terminate employment for these individuals. Who does that help?

When considering this aspect of compiling with the Adam Walsh Requirements, please do as Florida and South Dakota have done, and do not put their employer on the public registry. Michigan's unemployment rate is already too high, please do not add to that problem.

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